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## ENGINE TURNS TURTLE SIX COACHES DERAILED

### A. C. L. TRAIN NO. 86 HAS BAD WRECK.

#### Broken Rail Wrecked Coast Line Flyer 3 Miles North of Dillon Yesterday Morning.

Atlantic Coast Line train No. 86 due to pass Dillon at 2:30 a. m. was badly wrecked at an obscure crossing three miles north of Dillon early Wednesday morning. The train was running about three hours late and the wreck was caused by a broken rail at crossing near Mr. Oscar Campbell's home. Engineer Jno. Tolar, one of the Coast Line's veteran drivers, was at the throttle and the train was in charge of Conductor Chas. Paul.

No. 86 is one of the Coast Line's fastest trains and it is little short of miraculous that not a single person was injured. Passengers in the rear sleepers were not aware of the wreck until they were awakened by train officials. Running late the train was exceeding its usual speed and the seven miles from Latta to Dillon were covered in 7 minutes. The train was running about 50 miles an hour when it took the grade leading up from the river to the place where it was wrecked.

At the crossing where the huge locomotive left the track was found a rail broken as clean as a pipe stem. The wheels of the locomotive took to the ties and the momentum was so great that the engine ploughed its way along the track for a distance of a hundred yards. The coaches followed and when the train came to a standstill six steel coaches were zig-zagged across the track bed with ends resting against the embankments.

Persons who viewed the wreck wondered how the engineer and fireman escaped with their lives. The huge locomotive was lying diagonally across the track, flat on its side. The engineer's seat was partly buried in the ground and ten feet above it was what was left of the fireman's seat. Engineer Tolar says it all happened in the twinkling of an eye. He applied the emergency brakes as quickly as possible and when the brake shoes clapped the wheels the engine was thrown backward, pitching him out of the cab backwards. The fireman does not know how he escaped. He did not have time to jump and the last thing he remembers was when the engine pitched over on its side. When he came to himself he was standing upright some thirty feet away from the locomotive. The tender carrying about 10 tons of coal turned over on its side, dumping its entire load within a few feet of the point where Engineer Tolar landed on the ground.

The coaches were of heavy steel construction and this perhaps accounts for the fact that no one was injured. If the coaches had been built of wood they would have been smashed into kindling and the loss of life would have been fearful. There was very little panic among the passengers. The colored coach was crowded but the passengers did not lose their heads. The electric lights continued to burn and the passengers quietly filed out of the wrecked coaches.

This is the third time No. 86 has been wrecked near Dillon. About ten years ago it was wrecked at Bassentery near Latta, and five years ago it was wrecked near the Dillon Mill. Each time there has been great destruction of railroad equipment but no loss of life.

### Jealous Husband Kills Wife and Boarder.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 26.—Mrs. R. E. Herrington, thirty-two, and a young boarder said to be her uncle, Charles Howze, eighteen, were shot and killed in the Herrington home here tonight.

Riley E. Herrington, husband of the woman is held on two charges of murder.

The three little children of the Herringtons witnessed the tragedy.

Herrington is a foreman in the car shops of the Central of Georgia Railroad. The couple were married eight years ago. Mrs. Herrington coming from Valdosta. Her father, A. C. Shindler, resides at Heresford, Fla.

Mrs. Herrington and Howze were in the kitchen washing dishes when the tragedy occurred.

Deputies from the sheriff's office, who arrested Herrington, said that he admitted firing the shots. They say that jealousy was the motive. The officers picked up a long butcher knife lying on the floor, a foot from Howze's right hand, which was stretched upon the floor, and this with a pistol, which the deputies say was taken from Herrington, and which he reloaded, are held as evidence. Herrington himself had a bullet wound in his left hand.

Howze was a government vocational student at a local business college.

### Rushin Daniels Dead.

Very unexpected was the death of Mr. Daniels at an early hour Sunday morning. At the time of his death Mr. Daniels was living on the A. L. Bethe place. He was fifty-one years of age and leaves a widow and seven children. The funeral was conducted by the pastor Rev. J. A. Langley at the Little Rock Baptist church where he was a member.

## PLANE CARRIES 100 PASSENGERS.

### Gigantic Airship Equipped With Modern Conveniences Travels at Great Speed.

A great Caproni plane which is being constructed near Milan to carry 100 passengers was described by Augustus A. Post before the state aviation commission in session in New York. Mr. Post recently returned from Europe, where he was sent by the Aero Club of America to study the advance of aviation. He told of aeronautic advances in England, France, Italy and Belgium, declaring that "aviation is much further advanced in those countries than in the United States."

The Caproni which is being built at Milan will be ready for trial in a short time, Mr. Post declared. It is driven by motors which have a total of 3,000 horsepower and is only one of the spacious models of passenger planes which are being built for extensive air transportation lines, some of which are already in operation in Europe.

"In England," he continued, "routes are already mapped out from England to India, as well as down through Africa from Cairo to Cape Town. In France the government also is fostering the extension of air lines, planning to join northern Africa, to Paris by means of the air. The Belgians and Italians are making plans on similar ambitious lines."

Mr. Post, who flew from London to Brussels in two hours and later viewed the battlefields of Flanders from the air, continued with descriptions of other European passenger planes, fitted to carry from 18 to 36 passengers and equipped with luxurious fittings and wireless telephone and telegraph facilities. The fastest of these machines he said, had established an unofficial record of 190 miles an hour. He declared that "before next summer there is no doubt that we will see such machines making the very nearly 200 miles an hour."

## SIGNALS FROM OTHER WORLDS?

### Inventor of Wireless Says Other Worlds May Be Trying to Talk to Us.

London, Jan. 26.—Interruptions of the Marconi wireless instruments by mysterious undecipherable signals, which were noted before the war and have been publicly referred to since, are specially featured in The Daily Mail in an interview published by the paper.

"We occasionally get very queer sounds and indications which might come from somewhere outside the earth," said Signor Marconi. "We have had them both in England and America. The Morse signal letters occur with much greater frequency than others, but we have never yet picked up anything that could be translated into a definite message."

"The fact that the signals have occurred simultaneously at New York and London with identical intensity seems to indicate that they must have originated at a very great distance. We have not yet the slightest proof of their origin. They might conceivably be due to some natural disturbance at a great distance, for instance, an eruption of the sun causing electrical disturbances."

Asked whether possibly attempt was being made by another planet to communicate Signor Marconi said:

"I would not rule out the possibility of this, but there is not proof. We must investigate the matter much more thoroughly before we venture upon a definite explanation."

He added that the mysterious sounds are not confined to any particular diurnal period, they are equally frequent by day and night.

## FINED UNDER NEW SCHOOL LAW

### Two Convictions in Dillon County Under Compulsory Attendance Act.

There have been two convictions in Dillon county under the compulsory school attendance law. The first was Emanuel Johnson who lives near Latta and the second was David Spradley who lives on the Surles place near Dillon.

Johnson was tried some weeks ago but sentence was suspended pending Johnson's promise to see that his boy attended school. One of the conditions was that Johnson should pay \$5 for each day the boy absented himself from school. The boy stayed out of school 12 days and Johnson paid over to the magistrate the sum of \$60.00.

Spradley was let off with a fine of \$10. He promised to see that the boy attended school in the future. Quite a number of parents have been forced under the new school law to send their children to school, but these are the only convictions for deliberate violations of the law.

## A Good Man Dead.

Mr. Wells Bowen died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Wilson Spivey near Marietta, N. C. on last Saturday night. Mr. Bowen had been in failing health for some time and the end was not unexpected. The funeral was held at the home of Mr. Steve Grantham amid a large gathering of friends and relatives which proved the high esteem with which he was held in the neighborhood. The services were conducted by the former pastor, Rev. J. A. Langley. Interment was at the Grantham cemetery by the side of his wife who died some years ago.

## PEACE TREATY HOPES GO A GLIMMERING

### LODGE SAYS HE WILL MAKE NO CHANGE IN RESERVATIONS.

#### Leader of "Mild Group" of Republicans Says Looks Like "Jig is Up."

Washington, Jan. 26.—The whole question of peace treaty ratification was flung back to the floor of the Senate with the virtual collapse today of the bi-partisan conference.

The end came with amazing swiftness after Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, had informed Democrats, led by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, that there could be no change in the reservations respecting the Monroe Doctrine and the much discussed article ten. In the face of this the Democrats walked out for a private conference, agreeing meanwhile to make a reply to Senator Lodge early tomorrow.

Due to Threatened Revolt. First news of the breaking off of diplomatic relations, so to speak, was given by Senator Hitchcock in a statement which broadly intimated that failure of Republicans to give ground in an effort to reach a basis of compromise was due to the threatened revolt of Republicans. Senate leaders including many ardently seeking an end to the long protracted treaty debate, frankly admitted tonight that they could see no hope of agreement. This meant, they said, that the question would be fought out on the floor, beginning probably tomorrow. Senator Hitchcock declined to speculate on the possibility of so early a renewal of hostilities, but most Democrats declared nothing was to be gained by further secret conferences.

Insist Upon a Vote. "It looks as if the jig's up," declared Senator McNary, Republican, of Oregon, a leader of the mild reservation group and this seemed to hit the nail on the head, in the opinion of most Senators. Democrats discussed generally their line of procedure and it was tentatively decided in the event of utter failure of the conference tomorrow to present to the Senate modifications to the treaty agreed upon by Democrats and insist upon a vote.

SHERIFF ROWELL MUCH BETTER. Florence Times. Friends of Sheriff Rowell of Marion county will be glad to learn that he has nearly recovered from the wounds he received when he was shot by a negro he was attempting to place under arrest at Sellers on Christmas day.

Sheriff Rowell has been in the Florence Infirmary since that time, having been brought here immediately after the shooting. The wounding of this popular officer and the circumstances surrounding it attracted state-wide notice and reports of the sheriff's condition were followed with sympathetic interest all over the state. The sheriff is now sitting up and he stated today that he hoped to be able to return to Marion on Friday.

## Attention, Ex-Service Men.

The John H. David, Jr. Post of The American Legion will meet next Wednesday night, February 4th, at eight o'clock at the office of Judge Haselden. As yet the local Post has no home, although steps have been taken to secure one at an early date, and the judge has kindly consented to the members using his office for meetings until other arrangements can be made.

Every man who is now a member come and try to bring at least one new member with you. Every ex-service man who is not a member come and bring another with you. One town in New York has a membership of 250 out of a total of 400 ex-service men. Dillon and Dillon county can do just as well as this town. The American Legion is a big thing now and will be even bigger in the years to come. Just so you served any time between April 6th, 1917 and November 11th, 1918 and can show an honorable discharge from the army, navy or marines you are entitled to membership in the Legion. The John H. David Post is located at Dillon, but that does not mean that it is just for the boys in the town of Dillon. The ex-service men in the country surrounding Dillon and in other towns in the county are urged to join the John H. David Jr. Post. Remember the date of next meeting. Next Wednesday night, February 4th, and whether you are a member or not, if you are entitled to membership, be sure to come. There will be important business to be transacted at this meeting. A good many towns over the state have already secured club rooms and we will have report from committee appointed to secure club rooms at this meeting.

W. W. THOMPSON, Adjutant.

## French Souvenir Pamphlets.

The local Post of The American Legion has received from the French government pamphlets expressing the appreciation of the French nation for the services of the A. E. F., for distribution to former members of the A. E. F. We have a number of these pamphlets still on hand and will be glad to give one to any ex-service man who served in the A. E. F.

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## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

### NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

#### News Items of Interest to Herald Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

Fork. Mrs. F. M. Edwards and children of Marion spent last week here with Mr. and Mrs. F. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Adams spent the week end in Dillon with relatives. Mr. J. C. Blake of Charlotte spent a few days here last week and was accompanied home with wife and little son, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rogers.

Miss Edna Morse of Charleston arrived Saturday to take charge of the primary grades in school.

Miss Edith Kohn, the efficient night school teacher, has twenty four pupils enrolled. Much good is being accomplished and the pupils are very enthusiastic over their work.

## Lake View.

Miss Alma Goodyear spent part of the week in Florence having some dental work done.

The stewards of the Methodist churches on this circuit spent the day at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday. A turkey dinner and all that goes with it were served. The meeting was called to discuss plans for the coming year.

Dr. J. E. McKenzie of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie, Mrs. G. S. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Rembert of Gaddys Mill visited Mrs. J. T. Hankins this week. Mr. L. G. Miller and Mr. L. W. Temple left for Gretna, Va., last week. Mr. J. T. Hankins left for Danville, Va., Monday to be gone a few days on business.

Mr. J. Leroy Tanner was a visitor in town Friday.

Mr. J. W. Hankins is in Savannah, Ga., this week.

Little Miss Kathleen Scott who has been quite sick with pneumonia is improving and will soon be out again. The merchants in town are getting small quantities of sugar.

Our community was saddened Monday when it was known that Mr. Lee Harrelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Harrelson, was dead. He had only been sick one week with pneumonia when he succumbed to the dreadful disease. Lee was seventeen years old and a splendid boy. He was a member of the Pages Mill Baptist church, having joined about one year ago. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Leslie in the absence of the regular pastor. The school children attended in a body. Miss Jessie Fant's room led as Lee was one of her pupils. Each student from his room wore a white band of ribbon around the arm and the grades also sent a lovely wreath of flowers. We can't understand why death should claim this promising boy but we know He doeth all things well and we bow in humble submission to His will.

On Thursday morning the Lake View High School was minus the principal, Mr. D. L. McCormac and one other teacher, Miss Elizabeth Maroney. Upon investigating it was found that the young couple had been married on Wednesday night at Dillon by Judge Davis and had hid themselves away to Columbia for a short honeymoon trip. This came as quite a surprise to their friends. Mr. and Mrs. McCormac are expected back Sunday evening and will take up their respective duties at the school Monday morning. Their friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

## NEW BANK ORGANIZES.

Dillon county's eight bank was organized last week when the stockholders of the Union Bank & Trust Co., of Lake View, met and elected officers.

The board of directors is composed of the following well-known business men of the Lake View section: L. G. Miller, D. J. Oliver, D. K. Ford, Vink Daniels and R. S. Rogers. Immediately after the stockholders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers: L. G. Miller, president and D. J. Oliver, vice-president. The cashier of the new institution will be elected this week. Mr. Miller and Mr. Oliver are two of the most successful and substantial business men of that section and the prosperity of the bank is assured under their administration. The capital stock of the bank is \$25,000.00 and they hope to be ready for business by February 15th.

## Mrs. E. C. McCormac.

Marion, Jan. 24.—At her home in Dillon county, Mrs. E. C. McCormac, aged 90 years and six months, died January 14.

Mrs. McCormac had a lovely Christian character. She was a woman of great culture and refinement and was remarkably active for one of her age until a few days before her death.

She is survived by the following children: E. L. McCormac, of Maxton, N. C.; Mrs. B. F. Davis, of Marion, E. A. McCormac, of Dillon, Mrs. T. I. Rogers of Bennettsville, A. H. McCormac of Asheville, N. C., and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren residing in North and South Carolina.

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## CANT CONSIDER HOOVER SAYS BRYAN.

### Commoner Declares Democratic Party is Not Running Guessing Contest.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 26.—Pending a statement of "his position on the questions at issue" by Herbert Hoover, William Jennings Bryan told the newspaper men here he could not consider the candidacy of the former food administrator for the presidential nomination.

"When Mr. Hoover takes the people into his confidence and states his position on the questions at issue," Mr. Bryan said, "it will be time enough to consider his candidacy on the guess-what-I-have-in-my-hand plan."

Speaking at the House of Representatives at the capitol, Mr. Bryan renewed his attack on Governor Edwards of New Jersey for his opposition to prohibition and again criticized Chairman Homer S. Cummings of the Democratic national committee, who attended Governor Edwards' inaugural banquet.

## STRANGE FATE PURSUES FAMILY

### Daughter Kills Companion and Father's Auto Dashes Into Funeral Party.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—Seven hours after 12 year old Lillian Ferrell had accidentally shot and killed Allen Swaim, Winston-Salem, student of Buies Creek academy at Buies Creek, N. C., G. S. Ferrell, father of the girl, drove his big automobile into a five passenger sedan four miles from Raleigh today, injuring all its passengers, including Prof. J. A. Campbell, head of Buies Creek academy, and five students who were accompanying the remains of young Swaim to Raleigh. Mr. Ferrell was on his way from Petersburg, Va., to his home.

The injured, none of whom are seriously hurt, were rushed to a local hospital for treatment after the collision this afternoon.

They were Prof. J. A. Campbell, Buies Creek; J. T. Creech, Smithfield; T. F. Jordan, Franklinville; F. N. Lambe, Buies Creek; Spurgeon Brigman, St. Paul; Charles Cude, Winston-Salem and G. S. Ferrell, Buies Creek. Tonight all the injured except Professor Campbell and the two students, Creech and Jordan, had been discharged from the hospital and these three were resting well.

Allen Swaim, 16 year old son of the Rev. V. M. Swaim, Baptist minister of Winston-Salem, was shot at 8:30 this morning in the Ferrell home, according to the Buies Creek students. Swaim, who was a boarder there, went into the kitchen at breakfast time and according to the students unloaded and toyed with a pistol which Mrs. Ferrell had carried to the room for her protection in the absence of her husband when she began her household duties before day light. Reloading the pistol after snapping it several times young Swaim put it on a shelf. Twelve year old Lillian Ferrell in an adjoining room heard the pistol snapping came into the room, seized and playfully pointed it at Young Swaim. Before any one could remonstrate, it is said, she fired and the bullet entered the young man's right breast. He died in 40 minutes.

## WILL NOT SURRENDER KAISER.

### Says it Will Take Army to Get Former Ruler.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Unless Great Britain actually invades Holland and takes the former kaiser by force, William of Hohenzollern will never be brought to trial, in the opinion of officials and diplomats here.

These officials discount the report that the kaiser will be tried in his absence for the reason that he has already been tried and found guilty by all of the allied nations. It is regarded here as conclusive that Holland has so rebuffed the allies that diplomacy undertaken to effect the surrender of the kaiser is no longer feasible.

In addition it was pointed out here today, that the allies, even before the dispatch of their note demanding the kaiser, knew that Holland in all its history had never surrendered a diplomatic prisoner. Therefore, the diplomatic opinion here is that Lloyd George simply pressed for the surrender of the former monarch in order to square himself with the British electorate and with the treaty which he himself had framed. He will now be in a position to say that he tried by every available method to bring about the surrender of the one time German monarch, and that Holland has practically declared that the only way to get him out is for Germany to make the request, but even under the laws and traditions of the Netherlands such a surrender would only be granted on condition that the extradited person be not tried for political offense.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold an examination for clerks and carriers on February 14, 1920, at Dillon, S. C., to fill vacancies in the post office in that city. The examination is open to all who meet the requirements. Application blanks and full information, including sample questions, can be obtained from Postmaster Harrove at the postoffice or from the Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District, Atlanta, Ga.

## FORMER DILLON BOY MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

### DAVID EDENS ELECTROCUTED IN SUMTER TUESDAY.

#### Was Operating Electric Drill in Garage When Stricken With Deadly Current.

David Edens was electrocuted in a Sumter garage Tuesday afternoon while operating an electric drill. Death was instantaneous. The details of the tragedy have not been learned, but it is said that Mr. Edens was at work on an automobile with an electric drill when without warning there was a flash and he crumpled up on the floor. The voltage was so strong that when bystanders reached his side he was dead. Working at the same garage with him was his brother, Timmons Edens, but whether his brother was present or not when the tragedy occurred has not been learned.

Mr. Edens was born in Dillon and was about 30 years of age. When quite a boy he went into a garage and learned the automobile business. He was a skilled mechanic and was said to be one of the highest salaried automobile mechanics in the state. Before going to Sumter about three years ago he was employed at E. L. Moore's garage.

Little more than a year ago he was married to Miss Thelma Beard of Dillon, who, with his mother, Mrs. Annie Edens and three brothers, Reese, Timmons and Mood Edens, survives him. Mr. Edens made frequent trips to Dillon and it has not been more than four weeks ago since he was at home.

The body arrived in Dillon yesterday morning and the interment was made at Mt. Holly at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Edens was well-known in Dillon and his sudden and tragic death was a great shock to his friends and acquaintances.

## Gets Photo from Lady Astor.

Judge Joe Cabell Davis has received from Lady Astor, recently elected to the British Parliament, a letter in which is enclosed a photograph of Lady Astor taking the oath of office in the House of Commons. Standing besides Lady Astor is her husband, Lord Astor, and the presiding officer of the House. Lady Astor is a native of Danville, Va., Judge Davis' old home. She was born and spent the greater part of her younger days in a residence just a few doors above Judge Davis' home. Judge Davis knew her when she was a little girl and went to school with her older brothers and sisters. When Lady Astor was elected to Parliament Judge Davis promptly wrote her a letter of congratulation and the photograph came back with her letter of acknowledgement.

## After Rent Profiteers.

Profiteer landlords will be held to the straight and narrow path in paying their income taxes this spring, for the tenants are doing the driving and holding the whip.

Revenge is sweet to the tenant who has had to dig deep into his earnings to pay a high rental in 1919. Gathering his family around him, he takes his scratchy pen in hand, searches the ink bottle for the last drop of ink, and with a master stroke informs the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that he, Bill Brown, of the Hall-room apartments, paid to John Smith, 13 Profiteer Avenue, Anywhere, U. S. A. \$1200 for his three room flat during the year 1919.

By gathering these reports from all the Bill Browns who are running themselves ragged to pay their rent, the Internal Revenue Bureau will have the information needed to see that the Profiteer Smiths pay proper tax or face prosecution.

The information returns now due covering payments of salaries, wages, rent, interest, and other income serve as useful data for running down tax-dodgers and for checking up millions of returns to see that proper tax is paid.

Large business houses have been faithfully making these information reports for several years and have cooperated whole heartedly with the governments checking system. The same obligation rests on smaller businesses, and on professional men; also on persons and organizations who employ secretaries, chauffeurs, servants, or persons in any capacity.

The Revenue Law requires the filing of these information returns in each case where the total of payments during 1919 to any person, partnership, or fiduciary was \$1000 or more. Forms 1959 and 1958 on which the returns must be made, are now available at the offices of the Collectors of Internal Revenue.

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